

URBAN DISTRICT OF AMIWCH

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year

1959

of the



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AMLWCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1959

Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Victor Hughes.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

Councillor John Hughes.

Members of the Public Health Committee.

Councillor	John Hughes.
"	Mrs. Dora Davies.
"	Victor Hughes.
"	Richard Gussey.
"	D.H. Rowlands.
"	William Owen.
"	Griffith Pritchard.
"	Owen Griffiths.
"	Elias Jones (Ysgellog).
"	Elias Jones (Amlwch Port).

Medical Officer of Health.

G.H.B. Roberts, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., L.M.

Public Health Inspector.

Ff. Evans, M.S.I.A., M.R. San. I.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Health Committee,
Amlwch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report upon the Health of your District for the year 1959.

The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of 3,020 shows that there has been no numerical population change upon the preceding year - or in other words, the slight falling trend shown during the years 1954 - 1957 has become stabilised. These variations being, in any case, but very slight and not attributable to any changing environmental factor. During the 25 years following 1931 there had been a population increase of approximately 500 persons.

The area of this essentially urban community (with an agricultural periphery) amounts to 4,494 acres. The current Rateable Value of £50,587 should be considered in conjunction with a reassessment and therefore cannot be compared accurately with the former year's figure of £38,878.

The Penny Rate productivity for the 1959/1960 period amounted to £209.

The Birth Rate continues to fluctuate, the corrected rates for the last three years have been 15.4 (England and Wales 16.1); 18.9 (England and Wales 16.4); 17.8 (England and Wales 16.4) and currently 17.8 (England and Wales 16.5). The current figure for the county is 16.7. In connection with this rather higher Birth Rate, it is well to note that further progress has been made in the field of bettered domestic accommodation - as is shown by the increase in Council and private-house completion, by the completion of the Council's scheme for the modernisation of pre-war council houses and by the number of applications for Improvement Grants for older properties - as detailed in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 estimated population has dropped appreciably from its former level of 1.0 to the current figure of 0.33 which compares with the corresponding figures for England and Wales and for the county of, respectively, 0.36 and 0.48.

A study of the Causes of Death does not reflect any appreciable rise of any particular cause of death that could be attributable to environmental factors. Although there is apparently a national upward trend towards deaths from Cardiac causes, that trend is not revealed in this district. The corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population at 10.53 compares with the earlier 11.1 and also with 11.6 for England and Wales and with 12.6 for the county. There has been no significant preponderance of deaths as between the two sexes. There having been an epidemic of measles in 1958, only seven isolated notifications of this disease have occurred. Due to the public having taken advantage of protective measures provided by the County Health Authority, there have only been seven notifications of whooping cough. The four notifications of Tuberculosis were of the respiratory variety but all were aged 44 and over. There were no cases of Poliomyelitis, and it is to be hoped that, as the Ministry of Health makes available more vaccine for use by Local Authorities, so will be public respond in its own interest. Protective immunisation is carried out by general medical practitioners as well as in the welfare clinics maintained by the Local Health Authority. Additionally, evening sessions are projected for those made eligible by the Ministry, according to age groups.

The Public Health Laboratory at Conway reported satisfactorily upon the 44 mains water samples.

Although consideration was given by the Council to take action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act of 1948 relative to an old woman, and although removal was attempted, in the presence of the daughter and son-in-law, that removal was abortive.

It was not necessary to take any action under Section 20 of the Milk & Dairies Regulations of 1949.

The fifteen Ice Cream samples amnufactured outside the district (but sold within it) were reported upon satisfactorily, bacteriologically.

In conclusion, I should yet again, like to thank the Chairman and Members for their interest, and the Clerk, Public Health Inspector, and Officers of the Council for their willing co-operation and help.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G.H.B. ROBERTS.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	4494
Population (Registrar General's mid 1959 estimate)	3020
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£209 1959/60.
Rateable value	£50,587.

Number of rateable premises,	
i. Dwelling houses	1089
ii. Farm houses	42
iii. Business premises	112

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births (Actual Occurrences).

	<u>1958</u>			<u>1959</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	26	23	49	21	26	47
Illegitimate	1	2	3	1	1	2
	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>49</u>

The Birth Comparability factor is 1.10.

1958.

Amlwch	=	17.2 (Crude)	18.9 (Corrected)
Anglesey	=	16.3	England and Wales = 16.4.

1959.

Amlwch	=	16.2 (Crude)	17.8 (Corrected)
Anglesey	=	16.7	England and Wales = 16.5.

Stillbirths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) = 20.0.
The Stillbirth Rate for Anglesey was 28.0; England and Wales, 21.0.

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 estimated population = .33
Rate for Anglesey 0.48; England and Wales, 0.36.

Deaths.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
17	20	37

The Death Comparability factor is 0.86.

The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population is 12.25,
The Death Rate for Anglesey was 14.2; England and Wales, 11.6
The Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population is 10.53; Anglesey 12.6.

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths of infants under One year of age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	2	3

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births = 61.2.
The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 18.3; England and Wales, 22.0.

Deaths of infants under Four Weeks of age.

(The same figures as for infants under one week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	-	2	2

The Neo-natal rate per 1,000 live births = 40.8.
The Neo-natal rate for Anglesey = 14.0; England and Wales 16.0.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATHS (ALL AGES).

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F.</u>
1. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-
2. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
3. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1
4. Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	6
5. Coronary disease, angina	-	1
6. Other heart disease	2	3
7. Other circulatory disease	-	1
8. Influenza	2	-
9. Pneumonia	-	1
10. Bronchitis	-	1
11. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
12. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
13. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	4
14. All other accidents	1	-
TOTAL	17	20

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis).

Table showing cases notified during the year classified in age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1 yr.	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age unknown
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
Measles	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis.

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows :-

<u>Age.</u>	<u>Sex.</u>	<u>Respiratory or Non-respiratory.</u>
44	F	Respiratory
47	M	"
48	M	"
54	M	"

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

A total number of 43 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year and 11 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1959, 12 such vaccinations were carried out in the district.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

A total number of 49 children were immunised for the first time against Diphtheria during the year, and 45 were immunised against Whooping Cough.



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AMLWCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I have the pleasure of presenting my report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District during the year 1959.

HOUSING:

The 8 houses at Craig y Don commenced in 1958 were completed during the year. 4 in January and 4 in April. The 6 new dwellinghouses at Lon Bach were commenced in August but none were completed during the year. Building was therefore at a standstill from April to August, a period during which excellent building weather was lost. During December the 4 flats at Bethesda Street were started.

LETTING:

The Council continued to make use of their points scheme in the selection of tenants.

A special report was submitted to the Council on the importance of selecting tenants in such a way that a house wherever possible becomes fully occupied, and to give reasonable preference to persons who were occupying insanitary or overcrowded houses. The Council were also asked to consider the transfer of families, to encourage suitable exchanges, and if considered advisable to give assistance in the removal of furniture.

The 8 houses at Craig y Don were let as follows :-

- 4 to families sharing a house.
- 1 to a family from an unfit house.
- 1 to a family overcrowded and living in another district.
- 1 to a family on health grounds.
- 1 to a family connected with industry.

16 existing houses became vacant during the year.

- 1 was let to a family from an unfit house.
- 3 to overcrowded families.
- 6 to families from substandard houses.
- 6 to families connected with industry, etc.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT:

In January one private house was under construction. 5 new houses were started during the year and of the 6 houses, 2 were completed leaving 4 houses under construction in December.

IMPROVEMENTS:

During the year the two houses at Burwen were provided with water closets, septic tank, bathrooms and hot water. This completed the work of modernising the Council's pre-war houses.

GRANTS:

All applications received during the year were favourably considered. Much preliminary work and consultations took place with owners and architects regarding most of the schemes before submission to the Council.

19 applications were received and approved including 2 for standard grants. The total amount of grant approved in respect of the 17 ordinary applications was £4,260.

ACTION UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS:

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	21
No. of houses which were made fit in consequence of informal action.	16
No. of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	3
No. of unfit houses purchased by agreement.	3
No. of individual unfit houses closed.	2
No. of persons displaced from unfit houses.	6
No. of houses reoccupied after undertaking had been carried out.	1

PUBLIC CLEANSING:

All figures under this heading refer to the year ended 31st March, 1960.

HOUSE REFUSE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

Weekly collection of refuse was maintained without a break throughout the year. Properties on the fringe of the town, mostly farms received monthly collections. No complaints were received regarding the efficiency of the collection. Tipping continued at the same site during the year.

Cost of Service.

Labour	£1183.	19.	5.
Material	61.	2.	3.
Transport	400.	18.	6.
	<u> </u>		
Total	£1646.	0.	2.
	<u> </u>		

Conversion of pail closets to water closets were carried out in respect of 4 properties at joint expense of the owners and the Council.

SALVAGE:

Waste paper collection was again carried out on a limited scale, the quantity sent to the Mills realised £40. 15. 8d.

STREET CLEANSING:

This work was carried out daily including Sunday. Weekly attention was given to the Bull Bay area and other parts of the district where litter was generally deposited.

The cost of this service was as follows :-

County Roads	£651.	1.	1.
District Roads	£209.	18.	6.
	<u> </u>		
Total	£860.	19.	7.
	<u> </u>		
Income from County Council	£495.	8.	3.
	<u> </u>		
	£365.	11.	4.
	<u> </u>		

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

The two Public Conveniences received daily attention and it is regretted that vandalism occurred from time to time especially in the Town Conveniences.

Delay has occurred in the provision of the much needed Convenience at Bull Bay.

The cost of the service for the year was as follows :-

Town Conveniences:

Wages	£95. 5. 11.
Material	<u>34. 17. 0.</u>
Total	<u>£130. 2. 11.</u>

Port Conveniences:

Wages	£29. 18. 6.
Material	<u>3. 7. 6.</u>
Total	<u>£33. 6. 0.</u>

The total income from both conveniences was £102. 7. 1d.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION.

Slaughtering continued at the three slaughterhouses licensed. The figures relating to carcasses and organs surrendered indicate the standard of the meat slaughtered. Inspection had to be maintained on Sundays although I still consider that the number of animals slaughtered does not justify slaughtering on this day.

The number of slaughtermen licensed was 9.

Figures relating to meat inspection are as follows :-

	Cattle excluding				
	Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed.	162	-	-	1884	187
Number inspected	153	-	-	1050	184
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	5	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	3.27	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0.65	-	-	-	2.72

Details of carcasses of which some part or organ was diseased are as follows :

5 pigs heads	-	tuberculosis.
1 beast head	-	tuberculosis.
2 beast heads	-	cysts.
2 beast livers	-	cirrhosis.
1 beast liver	-	abscesses.

OTHER FOOD:

The following were among other food surrendered as unfit for human consumption

160 tins various Fruit.
54 tins Milk.
44 tins Vegetables.
14 tins Fish.
11 tins Meat.
8 tins Soup.
10 lbs. Pork - bone taint.
19 lbs. Lamb - bone taint.
43 lbs. Beef - bruised.

ICE CREAM:

The total number of premises registered for the sale only of ice cream was 16.

15 samples of Ice Cream were taken and all were classified in Grade 1.

MILK:

Two persons are registered as distributors of milk, both of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk.

FOOD POISONING:

One case was investigated during the year and a sample of food taken was submitted for examination but gave a negative result.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS:

Inspections carried out during the year resulted in informal action being taken. Some premises still do not comply with the regulations and occupiers are being warned of their responsibilities.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

One house had to be disinfected during the year.

RODENT CONTROL:

This work was carried out on a part-time basis. Treatment resulted from complaints, from inspections carried out during other visits to properties and from routine inspections by the operator.

The following figures relate to the 12 months ended 31st March, 1960.

Inspections.

No. of local authority properties	6
No. of dwellinghouses.	250
No. of business premises.	34
No. of farms.	12

Infested and treated.

No. of local authority properties.	3
No. of treatments.	9
No. of dwellinghouses.	77
No. of treatments.	77

No. of business premises.	6
No. of treatments.	8
No. of farms.	3
No. of treatments.	5

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948:

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health made by the Public Health Inspector.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	1	10	Nil	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	14	19	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	15	29	Nil	Nil

In concluding my report I desire to express my thanks for the co-operation of other Members of the Staff and Workmen and to the Council for their continued confidence.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

FF. EVANS.

Public Health Inspector.

